Homegoing Celebration Services

for

SUPT. FRANKLYN E. KNIGHT

Friday, July 17, 1992 — 11:00 a.m.

KANSAS AVENUE
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

4491 Kansas Avenue
Riverside, California

Bishop Charles E. Blake, Jurisdictional Prelate
Officiating

SUPERINTENDENT FRANKLYN E. KNIGHT

January 19, 1940 — July 9, 1992

OBITUARY

Franklyn Eugene Knight was one of four sons born to Elder John A. Knight and the late Missionary Susie Knight on January 19, 1940 in Bethel, North Carolina.

Franklyn attended school in Bethel throughout high school. He was known to be a high achiever and was selected as Valedictorian of his graduating class in the year of 1957.

He attended Saints Delight COGIC in Bethel, where he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the early age of nine years old. After graduating from high school, Franklyn moved to Washington, D. C., where he joined Refreshing Spring COGIC under the pastorate of Elder Archie D. Headen. He was an ardent worker in his local church and he served as District YPWW President. While in D. C., he attended D. C. Teachers College and Howard University. He worked as an Aide to Congressman William Miller.

In 1964, Franklyn decided to make a move to San Francisco, California. Upon arriving in San Francisco, he joined St. Beulah COGIC under the pastorate of Supt. J. Carlton Jenkins. He also served here as an ardent and faithful worker and as District YPWW President. He acquired a job with the Royal Typewriter Company.

On August 16, 1965, Franklyn accepted and acknowledged his calling to the ministry and was ordained in 1967 by Bishop Raydell Stewart of San Francisco, California.

On October 16, 1965, he and Mable Yvonne (Bonnie) Tyler were united in holy matrimony by the late Bishop E. B. Stewart and Elder Jenkins at Mt. Olive COGIC in Los Angeles, California. To this union were born three children — two sons: Anthony (Tony) DeWayne and Barry Eugene, and one daughter (his "favorite daughter"), Kelley Dionne.

In 1966, he was hired on with IBM Corporation in San Jose, California, as a Personnel Specialist. In 1967, he and his wife moved to San Jose to be closer to his job, and in 1969, they placed their membership with the Prayer Garden COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop Milton Mathis where Elder Knight continued to work dedicated and faithfully. While in San Jose, he decided to continue his education, enrolling in Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz.

In 1969, the Lord spoke to Elder Knight and called him to be a "Shepherd of my people". He accepted that call. In 1972, IBM Corporation transferred him and his family to Riverside, where he began to embark upon a new career in the company as a Salesman. Through this move, the Lord continued to deal with him regarding his call to pastor. Elder Knight and his family joined in with the St. James COGIC under the leadership of the late Supt. James E. Wall.

Here he continued to work faithfully in the church and was appointed as the Assistant Pastor. However, he did not forget his call to pastor. The Holy Ghost began to direct and lead him to a church on the corner of 7th and Park Avenue, where the doors of Refreshing Spring Temple were opened on April 29, 1973 and Elder Knight was appointed as Pastor by the Holy Ghost, and installed by Supt. Henry Cole in the stead of the late Bishop Samuel M. Crouch.

Because of his strong desire to further his education after moving to Riverside, he enrolled in: California Baptist College, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology; Azusa Pacific College, where he obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Religion; and Fuller Theological Seminary, where he obtained a Master of Divinity Degree in Theology.

Elder Knight was not only an achiever and an ardent worker in his studies and the local churches in which he attended, but also in the State and National work of the Church of God in Christ. He was appointed as Coordinator of Seminars for the Pastors and Elders Council of Jurisdiction #1 and as Superintendent of the Riverside District, and worked diligently and faithfully in various other positions in this Southern California Jurisdiction under the leadership of Bishop Charles E. Blake. He had a great love for this "grand ole church" — the Church of God in Christ — and such a strong desire to serve his church, that he decided to run for the position of Chairman of the National Pastors and Elders Council and was elected by a landslide in November, 1988.

Supt. Knight was a man who had a pleasant personality — one that won many people to him. He was a "great leader" of God's people, and he served his church with much dignity and gained the respect of people everywhere.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish him memory: his wife, Bonnie; two sons — "Tony" of Shaw AFB, South Carolina and Barry of Riverside, California; one daughter, Kelley of Riverside, California; his father and stepmother, Elder and Mrs. John A. Knight of Bethel, North Carolina; three brothers — Jimmy Knight of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Wilbur Knight of Falls Church, Virginia and Preston Knight of Landover Hills, Maryland; Margie "Cruz" Henderson of Riverside, California; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pitt of Bethel, North Carolina; mother-in-law, Ms. Elsie Tyler; father-in-law, Bishop T. W. Tyler; nine sisters-in-law — Wilma Lee Knight, Betty Knight, Gwendolyn Knight, Jean Bradley, Claudia Bables, Evang. Faye Banks, Melba Jenkins, Maxine Tyler and Vivian Bogar; three brothers-in-law — Felix Bradley, Harry Bables and Supt. Gene Banks; a daughter-in-law, Paula Knight; "Lil Mama" & "Pops" Jenkins and "Tootie" of Vallejo, California; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of co-workers in the Gospel and many, many friends across the country. Finally, he leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, the flock that God placed him over — the members of Refreshing Spring Temple COGIC.

Order of Jurisdictional and National Services

For

Superintendent Franklyn E. Knight

OFFICIATING, Bishop Charles E. Blake
General Board Member of The Church of God in Christ, Inc.

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... Ecclesiastical Order (Congregation Standing)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES ..... Supt. Lenton Lenoir

INVOCATION ..... Elder Hardy Johnson

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Supt. Joe L. Ealy

NEW TESTAMENT ..... Supt. Robert Cole

CHOIR SELECTION ..... San Bernardino Regional Choir

EXPRESSIONS (3 minutes please) ..... Civic / Religious Leaders
Rev. Jerry Louder, President, Riverside Clergy Association
Mrs. Terry Frizzell, Mayor of Riverside
Mr. Jack Clarke, Councilman

SOLO ..... *"I Will Rise Again"* ..... Elder Ernest Dixon

EXPRESSIONS:

Jurisdictional Supervisor ..... Mother Barbara A. Lewis
Superintendents ..... Dr. J. W. Mayfield
Pastors ..... Elder Ron Hill, Bishop T. W. Tyler, Supt. J. C. Jenkins

CHOIR SELECTION ..... San Bernardino Regional Choir

EXPRESSIONS:

Bishop O. T. Jones
Bishop W. W. Hamilton
Bishop Samuel Green
Dr. Frank Ellis
Dr. J. P. Morgan
Supt. Thomas Hammonds

SOLO ..... *"I Made It"* ..... Mrs. Betty Clark

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CARDS & TELEGRAMS ..... Mrs. Gladys Ross

RESOLUTIONS ..... Supt. James A. Lewis

OBITUARY ..... Supt. Reuben Anderson

SOLO ..... *"When I See Jesus"* ..... Mrs. Betty Clark

EULOGY ..... Bishop Charles E. Blake
Jurisdictional Prelate

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

Bishop Charles E. Blake
Officiating

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The Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Bishop L. H. Ford

Presiding Bishop

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

The Deacons and Brethren of Refreshing Spring Temple COGIC:

Charles Paige, Ron Smith, Edward Lane,
Robert Townsend, Richard Brown, James Johnson
Kenneth Flye, Torbit Way, Benjamin Willingham

INTERMENT

Olivewood Cemetery
Riverside, California

REPAST

Kansas Avenue SDA Church
Dining Room

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Tillman Riverside Mortuary
Mr. A. Leon Tillman, Director
2874 Tenth Street
Riverside, California

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family expresses its gratitude and appreciation for your tokens of love, your support and your prayers. Because of each of you and the love of God, we have been able to stand in God's strength.
We request your continued prayers.